

SENATE AGRICULTURE  
EXHIBIT NO. 7  
DATE 2-10-09  
BILL NO. SB 332

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Bethany Ticknor, and I am 13 years old. I am here to ask you to vote against SB232.

Having a state pancake is unnecessary. We already have 24 state symbols and emblems and that is already too many.

State symbols are supposed to stand for something exceptional about Montana. If we have too many state symbols, then none of them will seem special. There are proposals just this session for 4 new state symbols; a fourth state song, a second state animal, a second state insect, and this one for a state pancake. Even if we add only one new state symbol a session, by the year 2050, we will have 45 state symbols. If you start having to have annual sessions, then there would be 65! The 24 existing ones are already enough.

The state symbols that we already have do a good job of representing Montana and should be left as they are with no more added. Please vote against SB232.

Thank you,

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